

27 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : PSB Staff Meeting, Wednesday, 27 May 1953

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1. [] reported that he had sent to the agencies late Tuesday afternoon a two-page statement of the major differences remaining to be settled in connection with PSB D-23 (Item No. 1 on the agenda for the meeting of 28 May). He reported that comments had already been received and that a revision of this paper would be published late this afternoon. It is my suggestion that, in view of the shortness of time and the necessity of extended explanation of the background of at least some of the points involved, [] suggest to DCI that [], CIA panel representative, give DCI an oral briefing on the subject and/or accompany him to the meeting for this first item. The other agencies have been asked if they wish to have additional people at the meeting for this item only.

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2. The C. D. Jackson memorandum which is being considered as Item 2 on the agenda has not been seen by any member of the PP Staff so far as I know. [] says that it was put on the Director's desk and at present cannot be located. The only information on the memorandum gained at the staff meeting is that it suggests that this Free World Congress be held shortly before the next General Assembly. [] made the statement that if the proposition is accepted by the Board the task of implementation may fall heavily on CIA.

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3. Item 3 is a general discussion item without (so far as I know) the necessity of reaching a decision as to the future of RIAS in the light of budget cuts and the recommendation of the Jackson Committee that activities of this type be placed under the aegis of the Ambassador in each country.

4. Under other business it is expected that C. D. Jackson will bring up:

a. An inquiry as to the preparations being made by any of the member agencies for the Bermuda Conference.

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b. The possibility of asking [] to make his presentation to the Board a week from this Thursday.

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c. A suggestion that the Air Force engage in "dusting operations" against locusts in Pakistan.

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25X1A 6. [] gave me a message for CPP that C. D. Jackson has called a meeting to discuss NSC 143 Friday afternoon, May 29. [] would like to know whom CPP wants to send to this meeting. It would be my suggestion that [] attend the meeting since he was the PP commenter on the psychological annex to the Crittenger Report.

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25X1A 7. [] reported that either Thursday afternoon, Friday, or Saturday a briefing for Attorney General Brownell will be given on the subject of brainwashing. It is expected that the film will be shown and statements on the non-military aspects and the military aspects of brainwashing will be given. [] says that CIA will be responsible for the film and the statement on the non-military aspects.

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